

Agitating Agitators. Good News—2 Pieces. Singing While Bathing. Eternal Foolishness. By ARTHUR BRISBANE.

"Don't agitate the agitator," says Mr. Daugherty, President Harding's able Attorney General. Mr. Daugherty, before May day, had before him an opportunity that would have tempted others. He might have warned the world against "dangerous reds" on May Day. He might have told of his wonderful preparations to save the life of everybody with ten dollars or more. Instead, Mr. Daugherty said nothing at all, and May Day in "Reds" demonstrations amounted to nothing.

Cyrus H. K. Curtis, always young, ambitious, and moving, announces a Saturday Evening Post circulation of two million two hundred thousand. People thought it circulated two millions, so they get two hundred thousand more circulation than they thought, that's good news for advertisers. Here's more good news for men that want effective advertising. The American Sunday Magazine, published with the Hearst Sunday newspapers, carrying the largest pages of color advertising in the United States, circulates more than THREE MILLION COPIES each Sunday, which is a MILLION more than they were selling a little while ago. They will sell FOUR MILLIONS within a year. Write it on your tablets.

A man bathing can't hear you when you knock on the bathroom door. In the first place, the water is running; in the second place, he is singing at the top of his lungs. Scientists ask: "Why do we sing while bathing?"

A poor "Freudian" fanatic answers: "It's a fear complex."

It is not. Human beings naturally sing and yell while they bathe or swim, because they came from the water originally and are happy when they get back in it. They used to be fish—ask Darwin, he knows. Then they were half fish and half land animals. Then they wandered far off up the hills. But they always longed to get back to the water whence they came. A little boy paddles in puddles. His father paddles and roars in the bath. It isn't a "fear complex"; it's atavistic bliss.

Japan is spending half her total income preparing for war. WHY, do you suppose? With all our affection and admiration for our friends across the Pacific, would it be wise for this country to be found once more unprepared? It was bad enough in a war we didn't start, not aimed at us. How would it feel to be unprepared in a war aimed at us, with, perhaps, a good deal of outside help?

In the fashion news you study the nature of woman as you study the development of an unborn chick, taking out a small piece of the shell and holding it up against the light. Woman, whose true destiny is still unhatched, is developing strangely.

Mademoiselle Spinelli deserves credit; she draws her hair straight back from the forehead, "exposing her ears." And poor, foolish women are wondering how they can get rid of their "permanent wave" and also have smooth hair, with ears showing.

If it is fashionable to go without stockings, no harm in that, for it's ugly, and therefore moral. Women in France have decided to wear all jewels below the waist, bracelets on their ankles, "a magnificent rope of pearls festooned from the knee." That is drifting slyly back to the fashions of the Equator.

One princess wore "skunk fur and coral," one actress wore "stockings of gold thread." Something remarkable and well worth while will come out of all this nonsense, eventually, you may be sure, so be patient.

Mr. Kennedy, of the Knights of Columbus, sends information that will please soldiers. The Knights found themselves with five million dollars, collected from friends in war, not yet spent. The five millions will be devoted to hospital and educational uses for wounded soldiers.

French exchange went up yesterday, gaining ten points overnight. Money men think that France will make with Germany the right kind of a settlement—for France.

The French won the war, 90 per cent of it, at least. Heaven knows they didn't start it, didn't want it. They ought to get 90 per cent of the indemnity, and they would, if they got the amount due them.

You have seen a chick come out of its shell, peep pathetically, gradually gather strength, and begin walking over the other eggs. The stock market came out of its shell yesterday and peeped a little. There is "leather" excitement, there is automobile excitement. Another "automobile merger," or "automobile merger," as the cynics call it, is promised. Soon, undismayed, a lot of little speculation schemes will hatch out. Don't invest in them any money that you may need later.

WEATHER Overcast with rain late tonight or Wednesday; continued cool. Fresh easterly winds. Temperature at 8 a. m., 52 degrees.

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GESSFORD READY TO RESIGN, IF REQUESTED

VICTIM IN LOVE NEST A SUICIDE, POLICE ASSERT

Captain of Detectives Says Lockhart Was Not Involved in Girl's Death.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., May 3.—A suicide theory in the mysterious death of Marie Vance in Los Angeles on April 5, the particulars of which are now under probe by Los Angeles and Chicago authorities, was advanced today by Captain of Detectives Charles R. Moffatt.

That the girl, apparently deserted by her fiancé and suffering from an agonizing and hopeless illness, took nicotine poison to end her misery, is a very probable solution, Captain Moffatt believes. The source from which the poison was obtained is, of course, the paramount point to be discovered before anything definite is established, according to Moffatt, but as yet, he stated, no active investigation has been ordered.

A telegraphic request from Coroner Hoffman, of Chicago, has been received by the Police Department, in which co-operation by the District Attorney's office here is urged. It was also stated that a registered letter with full details of the Chicago angle of the case was on route to District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine, Woolwine and Chief Deputy William Doran stated today that the letter had not been received and that no course would be announced until it reaches them.

LOCKHART READY TO MEET HIS ACCUSERS

COVINGTON, Va., May 3.—Attorney Richard C. Stokes, of Covington, for many years counsel for Robert S. Lockhart, alleged fiancé of Miss Marie Vance, today issued the following statement: "I am greatly in the dark as to the charges against my client. The only information I can get as to their nature is from fragmentary reports found in various newspapers, which reports would seem to emanate from Chicago.

LONDON MEN NOW WEAR PEARL COAT BUTTONS

LONDON, May 3.—Pearl buttons on men's spring overcoats are the latest style wrinkle on Bond street. Correct displacements are six on each side, about the size of a silver dollar. There will be subsequent bond issues dependent upon Germany's ability to pay. Germany may redeem the bonds before the thirty-seven years are up, but will have to continue paying interest upon them. The interest money being accredited to the sinking fund. Germany shall make annual payments of an indemnity of 2,000,000,000 gold marks plus a tax of 25 per cent upon German exports.

Today's Best Laugh

HARRISBURG, Pa., May 3.—Because his wife compelled him and their young daughters to say their prayers in bed and interfered with family worship by rattling dishes, George A. Oiler, of Harrisburg, was granted a divorce today from his wife, Clara. Oiler testified his wife beat him over the legs with a skillet and was abusive in her language, holding his religion in contempt.

RICHARD C. STOKES, one of the most prominent young lawyers of western Virginia, who has been retained as attorney by Robert S. Lockhart, of Covington, Va., alleged fiancé of Miss Marie Vance, who died under suspicious circumstances in a "love nest" bungalow at Los Angeles last month.



ALLIES DEFER NAVAL THREAT

Demonstration Against Germany To Wait U. S. Approval—Invasion by French Indorsed.

PARIS, May 3.—The first contingent of French railway engineers called for the Paris district of Germany were sent to the German frontier today. Members of the 1919 military class will begin moving toward the allied zone of occupation in Germany on Sunday. The official statement said the scheme "is well within German capacity."

ARMED ESCORTS ABOARD SHIPS CARRYING MAILS

NEW YORK, May 3.—With a committee of marine engineers summoned to Washington by Secretary of Labor Davis to find a basis for settlement of the marine strike, a test of strength was being made in Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific ports today between the seamen and the employing steamship owners.

BITTEN BY CHURCH BUG, ELDERLY HUCKSTER DIES

CUMBERLAND, Md., May 3.—M. A. Tutwiler, fifty, a huckster, died Monday morning at his home in Kersey, Va., from poisoning caused by the bite of an insect while at Church Sunday, April 24. He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Nettie Arnold; four sons, J. F. E. B. C. and Joseph Tutwiler, all of near Beaver Run, W. Va., and a sister, Mrs. Kay Arnold, of Kersey.

U.S. RESERVES TO MAN SHIPS

Benson Declares He Will Recall Naval Militia If Necessary to Break Tie-Up.

Although both sides appear firmly entrenched in their positions in the marine strike, Secretary of Labor Davis went ahead today with his efforts to settle the strike, declaring that he was "going to stick it out until a settlement is reached."

Secretary Davis planned conferences today with leaders of the marine workers in an effort to reach some sort of a compromise that will be suitable to them. If he finds it possible to reach such a compromise, he will call upon the ship owners to agree to it. The Secretary, together with Secretary of Commerce Hoover, is expected to make the whole controversy into the Cabinet meeting today, in the hope of finding a solution there.

LABOR SITUATION IN A NUT SHELL

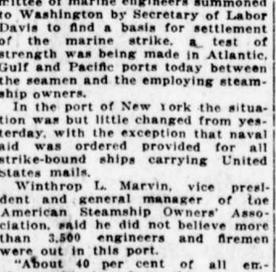
Strikes Throughout Country Follow Campaign of Wage-Cutting.

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HOMEY CHEERFUL, COOL ROOMS

If you have been anxious to change your room, now is the time. Desirable rooms at right prices. For Rent Rooms. NICE furnished room, suitable for one or two persons; private family; electricity and phone. NICE furnished front parlor with two bedrooms, bath, and kitchen. Two large communicating rooms and alcove; first floor furnished complete for housekeeping; gas range, sink and piano; porch; would furnish private for permanent party \$45.

MISS DOROTHY C. TAYLOR, FORMERLY WIFE OF CLAUDE GRAHAM-WHITE, THE AVIATOR, WHO LOST \$40,000 WORTH OF DIAMONDS AND CALAUCHON SAPPHIRES WHILE RIDING HOME IN A TAXI IN NEW YORK, WITH HER NEW FIANCÉ, COUNT CARLO FRASSO. THE GEMS ONCE WERE THE PROPERTY OF A RUSSIAN GRAND DUCHESS, NOW DEAD.



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SHIP STRIKE LEADER

Thomas A. Healy, chairman of the joint council of Atlantic and Pacific marine engineers, who are the dominating union in the labor group which has a completely paralyzed the American merchant marine. It is estimated that 150,000 to 160,000 men quit. The men include the crews of approximately 2,500 ships of 13,000,000 tons. In every port of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts the American merchant marine has ceased to function. The union leaders declare the loss American shipping will be approximately \$1,000,000 a day.

DRIVE ON RENT HOGS PLEDGED

Focht Promises Sweeping Probe of Realtors Holding Apartments Empty for Big Sales. Sweeping investigation of housing conditions in Washington as soon as the proposed amendment to the Rent Act comes before the District Committee was promised today by Congressman Focht of Pennsylvania, chairman of the committee.

DEMOTED COP ONCE MORE TRANSFERRED

Ex-Detective Sergeant Baur Sent to Harbor Precinct by Gessford. Ex-Detective Sergeant Frank Baur, who was recently demoted to the rank of private and who was transferred from detective headquarters to the Fifth precinct, was again transferred today by order of Maj. Harry L. Gessford, superintendent of police. At 8 o'clock tomorrow morning he will be assigned to the harbor precinct. Making a shakedown or a half hitch will be nothing new to Baur. In his younger years he served five years in the navy.

ASKS SCOREBOARD TAKEN FROM PARK

Peril and Nuisance, Says Realtor—Hales Washington Club Officers to Court. The officers of the Washington Baseball Club were today cited by the Hitz of the District Supreme Court to show cause, May 13, why they should not be required to remove the new scoreboard from the American League Park.

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